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TRAIN DERAILED NEAR TEL-AVIV

Arab-Jew Truce In Jerusalem INTERNATIONAL FORCE REPORT

Jerusalem, Mar. 26.—The engine and two wagons of a goods train were derailed today by a mine which exploded near Ras El Min, east of Tel-Aviv. Two British soldiers of the Royal engineers, acting as driver and fireman were injured.

Meanwhile a three way row threatened on Friday over a British report that 16 Jews were killed in the Bab El Wad convoy battle last Wednesday.

The Army originally reported that 12 Jews were killed before army artillery and the Hagannah drove off 200 Arab attackers.

Hagannah denied the report, claiming that only seven Jews were wounded.

The Army reported on Friday morning that British troops found 10 bodies at the scene. Hagannah again denied the report, a Hagannah officer saying that the British "are deliberately spreading reports which tend to give the impression that the Jews are weak and the British have to protect them."

The army on Friday night issued a statement that "the report of finding 10 bodies is incorrect."

Arab sources said "We have 80 Jewish bodies. We will give them the 16 today and more tomorrow if they want them."

SCATTERED INCIDENTS

Six Jews and four Arabs were officially reported killed in scattered incidents throughout Palestine on Good Friday.

Jerusalem, where the day was observed by Christians, had the quietest day in weeks. Not a shot was heard.

Hagannah reported that Arab bands attacking a Jewish convoy, on the Haila Jordan valley road were dispersed after a five-hour battle. The report said 10 Arabs were killed.

Jewish Negev Yancov, which has been sporadically attacked for a week, was reported to be under assault but defenders said the Arabs retreated after reaching a surrounding minefield. Explosions were heard in the area.—Associated Press.

TACIT TRUCE

Jerusalem, Mar. 26.—A tacit truce between Arabs and Jews was observed in Jerusalem today while a procession of Roman Catholic clergy and a few hundred laymen walked the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) through the narrow cobbled streets of the Old City.

Flanked by Arab National Guards with tommy guns, rifles, pistols and hand grenades, the clergy and pilgrims, singing hymns, walked the shadowy winding way Christ walked with bloodstained feet carrying the Cross from where He was condemned to death by Pilate, to Calvary.

A huge wooden cross was carried by a group of Polish Catholics in the middle of the procession, which was headed by the Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchy and a group of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Franciscan Fathers, guardians of the holy places.

This year's procession was very small compared with other years, and there were no British troops taking part this time.

TOMMY GUNS ESCORT

The pilgrims, entering the Old City, were escorted by Arab tommy gunners past hundreds of armed men, many of whom watched the procession from their sandbagged gun posts on top of the battlement city walls.

As the pilgrims and clergy wound through the streets, the cries of Arab street vendors were hushed and Arab shopkeepers removed from their stalls and shop windows the belts of ammunition, hand grenades, pistols and rifles they were offering for sale.

A few British policemen were stationed at points along the route.

Not a single shot was heard from the beginning to the end of the pilgrimage, which finished in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the Rock of Calvary.

JEWISH ACCUSATION

Jerusalem, Mar. 26.—The Arabs intend to intensify their attacks on Jewish districts in and around Jerusalem with the aim of occupying the whole city and imposing military rule on all the inhabitants, a Jewish spokesman said here today.

In that event, he said, the Jews of Palestine would be forced to counter-attack.

The spokesman told a press conference it had been suggested that some 10,000 Danish and Norwegian troops now stationed in Germany be sent as an international force to maintain law and order in Jerusalem after the British withdrawal.

"We are wedded to the idea of using these particular troops," he said. "It is for the United Nations to determine which troops should be sent here."

Unless suitable arrangements were rushed through, Jerusalem would become "a battlefield" in seven weeks from now, the spokesman declared.

The Jews of Palestine were now elaborating a plan to counter the threatened Arab offensive in the Holy City and defend the 100,000 Jews living in Jerusalem and keep a "life-line" open to the coastal plain.

MUTUAL BOMBARDMENT

In any battle for Jerusalem, it would be impossible to render the holy places immune from mutual bombardment and street fighting, the spokesman said. The Jewish agency had taken the initiative by suggesting a political body of Danish and Norwegian troops as a suitable

A Toast To Prosperity



His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham) and Mr. N. O. C. Marsh (Chairman of the Hongkong Telephone Company) share a toast to the future prosperity of the Telephone Company when His Excellency laid the foundation stone of the new exchange building in Kowloon on Thursday afternoon.—Francis-Wu.

China Aid As Impetus To Self-Help

AMERICA CANNOT UNDERWRITE THE DESTINY OF CHINA

Washington, Mar. 26.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that the \$463 million aid programme it proposed for China is intended to give that country "an opportunity to undertake a vigorous programme of self-help."

The United States "cannot underwrite the destiny of China," the committee said in a report to the Senate. The \$463 million is proposed for a 12-months aid programme.

The Senate debate is due to start next Wednesday.

The House of Representatives is considering the \$2,205 million "single package" foreign aid bill. It includes \$570 million for China for 15 months.

When the House gets back to work on the measure after the Easter recess, one of the big issues will be whether to put in a ban against any American shipments to Russia.

Representative William Colmer, Democrat of Mississippi, has requested the ban. He said he would demand a showdown vote on his proposal.

In its report on the measure, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee endorsed the idea of assistance for China, but said: "Under present circumstances, it is not possible to develop a practical effective long-term programme for China's economic recovery predicated on outside assistance from the United States. We cannot underwrite the destiny of China."

The report also said that the United States "should not be put in a position of being held responsible for the conduct of the Chinese Government and its political, economic and military affairs."

The purpose of the aid programme, the report continued, was to meet China's most important commodity requirements to "relieve human suffering and give the hardworking people of China a chance to arrest the rate of economic deterioration in the country."

The programme also is designed, the committee said, "to afford the Chinese Government another opportunity to undertake a vigorous programme of self-help."

MOST DIFFICULT YEAR

Nanking, Mar. 26.—The next 12 months will be the "most difficult year" in the history of China's foreign relations, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, the Foreign Minister, declared here tonight.

Dr. Wang was addressing members of the People's Political Council at a final reception before the Council's dissolution prior to the convening of the National Assembly on March 29.

Dr. Wang said that while the United States was still preoccupied with Europe, paying only secondary attention to the Far East, China was democracy in its part of the world.

He was referring to the Soviet Union when he made this statement and elaborated by saying "that China's relations with Russia should be handled with the greatest care

GOOD FRIDAY SPORT IN FULL DETAIL

Handsome Win For Arsenal

MANCHESTER UTD. LOSE TO BOLTON

London, Mar. 26.—Large gates and surprise results featured the Good Friday Football League matches which were watched by more than one million people in glorious sunny weather.

The biggest crowd of the day—71,623—saw Manchester United, the Cup Final favourites, decisively beaten by lowly-placed Bolton Wanderers.

Watched by a crowd of 60,000, Arsenal overran Middlesbrough. Rooke scored three goals and Dennis Compton, the England cricketer, rapidly regaining his best soccer form, netted two.

Arsenal now lead Burnley, their nearest challengers, by eight points in the Championship race.

CRIMSBY WIN

Grimsey, at the bottom of the First Division, gained their first home win for more than six months by beating Everton. West Ham surprised Cardiff by winning three-zero, all the goals being scored by their centre-forward, Stephens.

Birmingham, without a game today, still lead the Second Division by two points from Newcastle. Cardiff drop to third place with 43 points.

Bournemouth after leading till four minutes from time, dropped a valuable point in the Third Division, Southern. In this League, Leyton Orient, who have won 17 points in their last 10 games, had a ground record crowd of 25,000.

In the Third Division, Northern, Douglas scored three for Carlisle and Windle, diminutive leftwinger, got three for Lincoln, who are still leading the division with 49 points.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

First Division		
Arsenal	7	Middlesbrough 0
Blackpool	2	Derby County 2
Charlton Athl.	1	Aston Villa 1
Grimsey Town	3	Everton 0
Manchester U.	0	Bolton Wanderers 2
Sunderland	2	Wolverhampton 1
Blackburn	1	Huddersfield 2
Rovers	4	Stoke City 0
Cheltenham	2	Sheff. Wed. 0
Liverpool	4	Sheff. Utd. 0
Portsmouth	1	Preston N.E. 0

Second Division		
Brentford	3	Leeds United 0
Cardiff City	0	United 3
Doncaster	0	Leicester City 1
Rovers	1	Tottenham 0
Millwall	1	Holburn 0
Southampton	2	Forest 1
Bury	0	Bradford 0
Chesterfield	0	Sheff. Wed. 2
Luton Town	0	Fulham 3
Newcastle U.	1	Barnsley 0

Third Division Northern		
Barrow	1	Wrexham 1
Carlisle U.	4	Athletic 1
Chester	1	Mansfield 2
Crewe Alex.	1	York City 3
Darlington	1	Hartlepool 0
Lincoln City	3	Gateshead 0
New Brighton	1	Hull City 0
Rochdale	1	County 2
Rotherham U.	2	Transmere 0
Southport	1	Accrington 1
Aldershot	2	Bristol Rovers 0
Brighton & Hove	2	Torquay United 1
Bristol City	0	Walsall 0
Exeter City	1	Bournemouth 0
Leyton Orient	1	Ipswich Town 1
Norwich City	3	Crystal Palace 1
Nottingham	2	Southend 1
Port Vale	0	Queens Park 1
Reading	1	Rangers 2
Swansea Town	1	Northampton 1
Swindon Town	3	Newport County 0
Watford	0	Watford 0

Scottish League Division "A"		
Third Lanark	2	Falkirk 0
Clyde	1	Aberdeen 0
Scottish League Division "B"		
Third Lanark	1	Kilmarnock 2

Rugby Union		
Penarth	7	Barbarians 12
Sale	14	Waipa 3
Weston S.	12	Universities A. 13
Redruth	9	St. Mary Hosp. 23
Swansea	0	Newbridge 0
Rugby League		
Huddersfield	25	Borrow 12
Liverpool S.	13	Bellevue R. 13
Swinton	17	Oldham 13
Wigan	22	St. Helen's 11

TENNIS		
HUGHES PULLS A MUSCLE		
Alexandria, Mar. 26.—L. Stalos and G. Nicolaidis, the Greek Davis Cup players, reached the final of the men's doubles in the Alexandria lawn tennis championships today. They were leading G. P. Hughes (Great Britain) and R. Joura (France) 7-5, 6-8, 4-1, in the semifinals when Hughes pulled a thigh muscle and retired.		
In the mixed doubles, R. Ardesalam (France) and Mlle. Welvers (Luxembourg) had a walkover against Hughes and Mlle. Pannetier (France).		
In the women's singles, semi-finals, Mlle. Welvers beat Mlle. Pannetier 6-2, 6-2, and Madame Landy (France) beat Miss Mattar 6-0, 6-0.—Reuter.		

MOTTRAM LOSES FINAL		
Johannesburg, Mar. 26.—Eric Sturges, South Africa's No. 1 player, beat Tony Mottram, Britain's leading player, by 6-3, 6-4, 6-8, 6-1, in the final of the men's singles in the South African lawn tennis championships today.		
Sturges and Mottram have teamed up for the men's doubles in various tournaments in England, including the Wimbledon championships.—Reuter.		

KRAMER WINS AGAIN		
Memphis, Tennessee, Mar. 26.—Jack Kramer overpowered Bobby		

EDITORIAL

The End Of A Dream

As was made abundantly clear by Major-General Erskine in his lecture at the European YMCA earlier this week, the Four Power Allied Control in Germany has never been able to work effectively since it was created. The original conception of the Commission was as an administrative instrument for the unification and democratization of one-time Nazi Germany, but the Four Power Allied Control has been hampered and frustrated from the very beginning by fundamental differences which have gradually become irreconcilable. Finally, as General Erskine points out, there was no agreement on just what kind of Germany the Four Allied Powers wished to create; secondly, there exists a wide gulf between Russia and the other three Powers as to the definition of democracy; thirdly, there is a sharp division of opinion concerning the amount and method of extracting reparations. The Western democracies now appear resigned to the inevitable collapse of the Four Power Allied Commission, the end of which is being hastened by further meetings of the main body. There is reason to believe that the Russian action is motivated by something more than recognition of the incompatibility of viewpoint so far as the future of Germany is concerned; it is remarkably like a defiant gesture in response to the new Five Power Marshall Plan meetings in Paris. The move has useful propaganda value for home consumption inasmuch as the Soviets, by deliberately twisting the facts and

realities, make it appear to the ordinary Russian that it is the wicked Western Powers which have been responsible for the breakdown of the Commission. On a different level, the Soviet Pontius Pilate act can have another effect: it renders it easier for the Russians to administer and Germany, but the Four Power Allied Control has been hampered and frustrated from the very beginning by fundamental differences which have gradually become irreconcilable. Finally, as General Erskine points out, there was no agreement on just what kind of Germany the Four Allied Powers wished to create; secondly, there exists a wide gulf between Russia and the other three Powers as to the definition of democracy; thirdly, there is a sharp division of opinion concerning the amount and method of extracting reparations. The Western democracies now appear resigned to the inevitable collapse of the Four Power Allied Commission, the end of which is being hastened by further meetings of the main body. There is reason to believe that the Russian action is motivated by something more than recognition of the incompatibility of viewpoint so far as the future of Germany is concerned; it is remarkably like a defiant gesture in response to the new Five Power Marshall Plan meetings in Paris. The move has useful propaganda value for home consumption inasmuch as the Soviets, by deliberately twisting the facts and

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WHEN JAPS GAOLED HIS PORTRAIT

DANNY Kaye, whom you see above with beautiful Virginia Mayo in a daydream sequence from his latest comedy, *"The Private Life of Walter Mitty"*, tells this story of how his portrait once went to gaol in Japan.

"Before the war," Danny relates, "I went to the Orient with a show called *La Vie Parisienne*. In Tokyo the management of the theatre committed some minor infraction of the law, and the entire cast was sentenced to serve thirty days in gaol. Instead of tossing us into the Jap version of the 'Tomb,' he went on, 'they put our pictures into gaol instead, and let the show go right on. Crazy? What do you think?'"

It was during that tour of the Orient, that Danny perfected the famous comedy technique that he brings to the screen, for the fourth time, *"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."*

The film, based on James Thurber's famous book, is shortly to be screened here.

Italians don't like creeping censorship

—By Joseph Baicich

ITALY'S motion picture producers have opened war against "creeping censorship." They charge it would make impossible the future filming of such outstanding Italian pictures as *"Open City"* and *"Shoeshine."*

Thirty-five Italian film executives signed an open letter of protest against the "impending and actual censorship" of films. They included Vittorio de Sica, of *"Shoeshine"*, and Luigi Zampa, of *"Vivere in Pace"* ("Live in Peace").

"For some time," their protests said, "we have had the feeling of approaching danger. In the ministerial offices a tendency has begun to be shown toward renewal of the Fascist practice of controlling film production. It is a true and real censorship of an ideological and political character, the Philistine nature of which we all recognise and remember very well."

The film executives said that post-war Italian pictures—which have won acclaim as the best now being produced in the world because of their air of sincerity—would be rendered impossible if present trends continue.

FILMS DEFENDED

"Our best ambassadors have been these films, which brought to foreign nations the living image of our suffering and our humanity and have turned public opinion upside down in our favour," the protest said. "Little by little, as the illegal censorship intervenes in our production, slowly and almost imperceptibly the doors and windows are being closed upon the fresh air of reality—our inspiration is stifled, our work's aim withdrawn."

The directors asked public reaction "before it is too late." They said each day brought "a new fact, a new threat and a new cut into the film industry."

A detailed review of censorship was not given, but Alberto Lattuada, noted director, said his projected film, *"Senza Pieta"* ("Without Pity") had been banned by censors without any reason being given. The Lux

Film Company defied the ban and is completing the picture, which is expected to become a guinea pig in the industry's fight for freedom.

Young and promising Piero Germi said he was forbidden to show his completed film *"Gioventu Perduta"* ("Lost Youth") to the public. The "lost youth" are the youth of the Fascist era. "It is an anti-Fascist film," said Mario Soldati, producer of *"Daniele Cortis"*, which starred Srah Churchill. "It is neither anti-moral nor immoral. It is a film inspired by the air of that solidarity, of that sincerity characteristic of our best productions."

Giulio Andreotti, under-secretary to Premier Alcide de Gasperi, in an article in the Christian Democrat party newspaper, *"Il Popolo"*, replied to the directors. He denied that censorship was "ideological" or "political."

Andreotti said "revision" of films is "neither an illegal nor a Fascist act" because the constituent assembly had not abolished censorship. He also charged that leftists had started the bail rolling in favour of the press "when the education and moral safeguard of the youth were involved."—United Press.

HOW TO GET TO THE TOP

ADVICE FROM
DINAH SHORE

SONGSTRESS Dinah Shore's simple home remedy for the world's ills is one she says made her America's top female vocalist. It's "Rely on yourself."

"Too many people are forgetting they have to make their own breaks," she said.

Dinah realises that the disciples of the Let-George-Do-It school probably will retort:

"That's easy enough for her to say. She has everything: money, a career, a fine home."

At a casual glance they'd be right. Dinah does have a sturdy ranch home in San Fernando valley; a triple career in movies, radio and records, and a bank account that has grown with the years. She also has a handsome husband in George Montgomery, capable of keeping her out of the poorhouse.

BLEAK MEMORIES
"But," she says, "I didn't get them from my brother-in-law. I got them by relying on myself."

Her climb to the top is dotted with bleak memories—a grim New Year's Eve in New York, jobless, friendless and broke; the battle to fight and overcome infantile paralysis as a child; the heartbreak of having to refuse her first big time radio offer because she wouldn't sing "fast and loud" as the sponsor demanded.

Dinah followed her own "dictates and made the grade."

When she assaulted New York's radio eldorado after college, she financed herself not by borrowing from her parents but by selling the photo equipment into which she had put her allowance for years.

From her first small salary at WNEW station in New York, she didn't hire a teacher but made recordings of everything she sang. Then she studied them dispassionately, teaching herself by discarding the things she didn't like in her own voice.

UGLY DUCKLING
Dinah, the girl, came in for the same self-reliant treatment.

"I admitted I was an ugly duckling," she said. "Then I faced the mirror and looked at myself coldly. I decided I could create an illusion of beauty by being charming and well-groomed than a baby face."

She worked the same way on her selection of numbers. She went against her musical adviser's judgment to "rely on myself" and record "My Mama Done Told Me." It boosted her stock another big notch.

And those, she said, are the batch of reasons why she says:

"Rely on yourself!"

—Patricia Clary

NEWS OF BRITISH STARS & FILMS

HERE are the films which have been top money-makers in the United Kingdom during the past few years, with their gross takings:

"Gone With The Wind," £600,000.
"Mrs Miniver," £464,000.
"Random Harvest," £450,000.
"The Wicked Lady," £380,000.
"The Seventh Veil," £360,000.
"In Which We Serve," £350,000.
"Caesar and Cleopatra," £250,000.
"Henry V," £200,000.

The first three are Hollywood products; the others are British.

CLAUDE Rains is likely to pop over from Hollywood to star with Ann Todd in the film of H.G. Wells' story, *"The Passionate Friends."*

Ronald Neame, who is to direct the picture at Pinewood, sent the script to Claude Rains just before Christmas. A cable arrived saying he was delighted at the prospect of playing the part. The matter is new in the business negotiation stage.

Last time British-born Mr. Rains filmed in England was for the much-debated *"Caesar and Cleopatra."*

PATRICIA Roc is being put to work again by her Rank employers. Since her "mutual disagreement" resignation from the Sidney Gilliat production, *"London Belongs To Me,"* her only duties have been making personal appearances.

But Pat has now been assigned to Sydney Box for a Gainsborough screen version of Sir Hugh Walpole's last novel, *"The Killer"*, and the Sains.

She will have a strong role opposite Eric Portman.

THEAT miniature Swedish film star, Mal Zetterling, arrived in Britain a year ago to make one picture—after her own country's masterpiece, *"Frenzy"*, had given her an international reputation.

The British studios will not let her go. She has now taken a house in Hertfordshire for her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter and six-month-old son. Her husband, a Swedish ballet dancer, is staying with her.

In a few weeks Miss Zetterling finishes playing the poet's Italian mistress, Teresa Guiccioli, in *"The Bad Lord Byron."* Then she will start work on another Sydney Box production, *"Portrait of Hildegard."*

BRITAIN'S most beautiful ballerina, red-haired Moira Shearer, has finished her first picture, *"The Red Shoes,"* and is now hard at work again in Covent Garden. She recently took a busman's holiday by seeing her first "Tristan" performance.

She says she hopes to resist all offers to make another film for some time—ballet still interests her most.

DIRK Bogardo does not mean anything to film-goers—yet. But he is the British studios' newest bet for future box-office queues.

Bogardo, former diplomatic student, call-boy, scene-shifter and photographic interpreter during the war, got his first big stage part last year—in the short-lived *"Power Without Glory."*

Now he is starring opposite Kathleen Ryan in *"Esther Waters,"* adapted from George Moore's story about horse-racing and Victorian life—below stairs.

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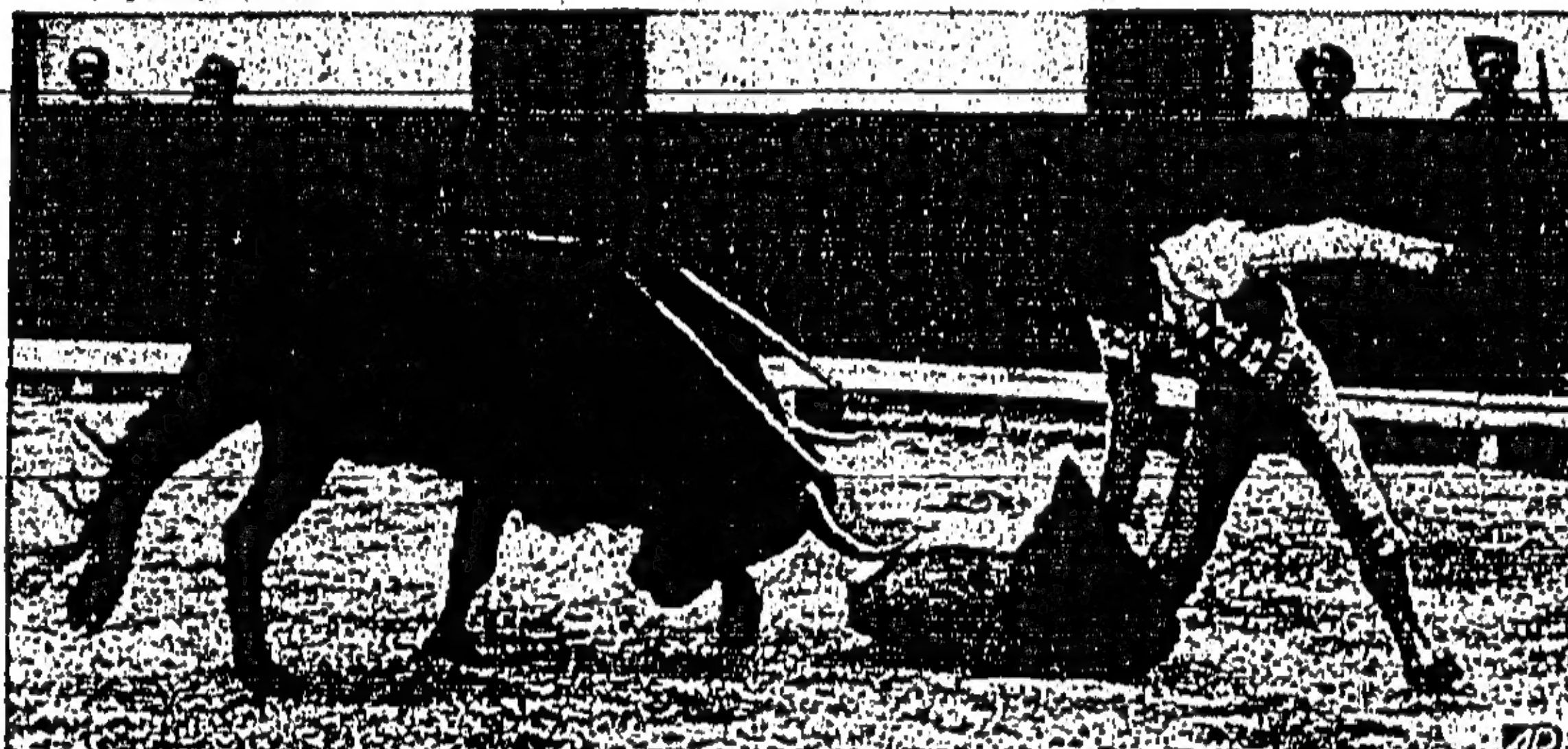
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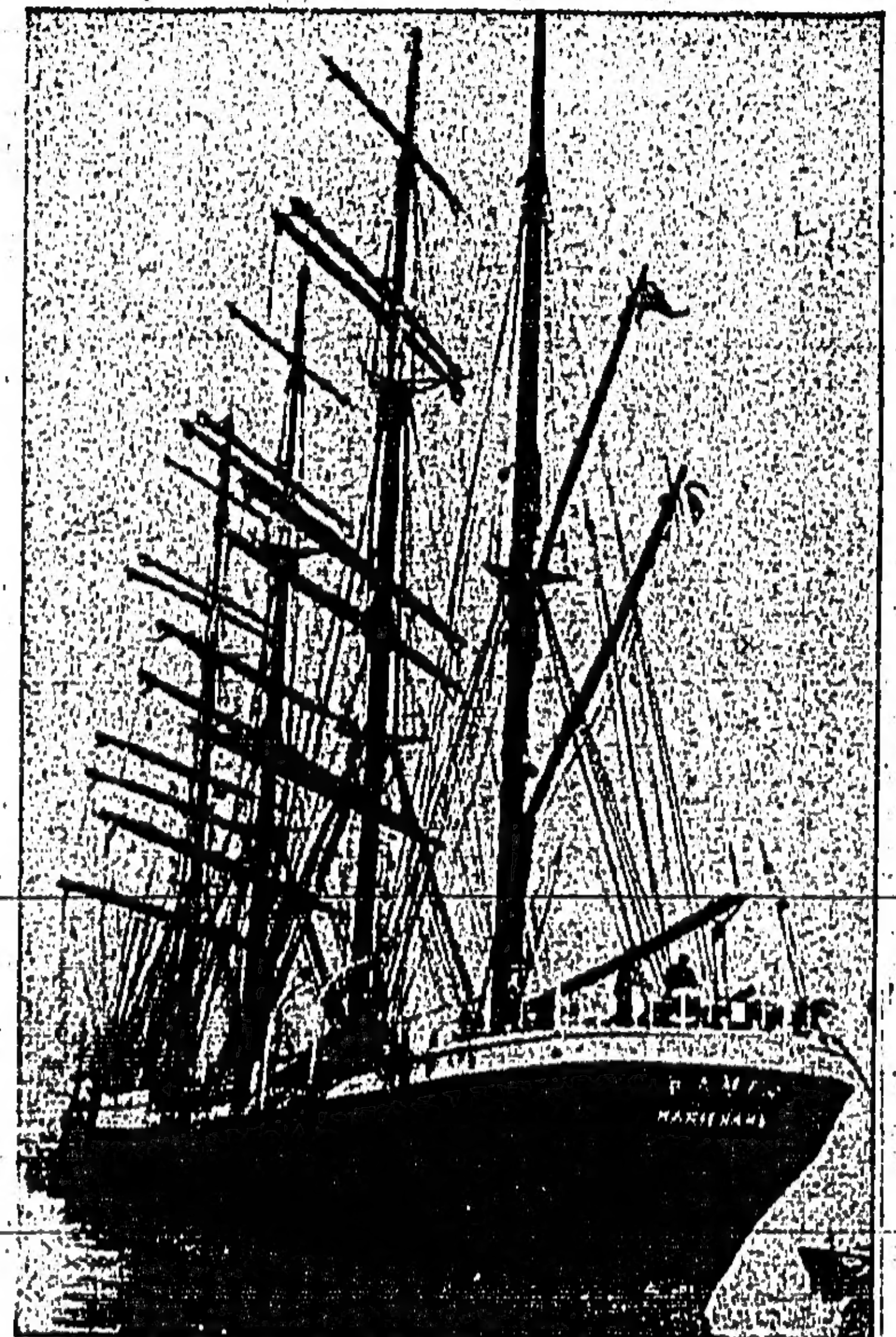
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FULL-PAGE FEATURE

Dior took "New Look" from French Peasant

PARIS. Christian Dior took the common garb of the French market woman, gave it 19th century elegance and thereby created the "New Look."

That is the opinion of a member of the Dior organisation.

The feeling Dior has for 19th century art and motif has long been known. But the adaption of the costume worn by strong-backed French peasant women who bring their crates of vegetables to the wholesale market in Paris every morning is a revelation.

"If you go down to the French Market at three o'clock in the morning," the young aide said, "you will see the dress there."

"It is a poor dress of coarse, hard-wearing material, but the lines are there. Its tight bodice buttons down the front and flows into a roomy skirt. She even wears a little thing around her neck."

"What we call the 'New Look' is not new to her," he said. "She has always worn it for comfort and utility."

DESIGNS EVERYTHING

DIOR is definitely and finally the head of the organisation he has brought to the front of the Paris fashion house picture in the brief span of 18 months.

He designs every dress himself, taking only advice from Mme. Briano Briard, 46-year-old fashion expert who gives him the woman's viewpoint while he is working on a new dress.

Dior's business sense has been decidedly in his favour on his sudden vault to the top. The 700 members of his staff are still laughing about the presence of mind he showed when his Spring showings opened in February.

It seems the air circulation system in the new show room had not been installed in time and there was no doubt that the show was going to be a failure if the persons in the packed house had to sit in a stuffy, smoke-filled room for a couple of hours.



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Dior himself came up with the answer. "We'll have fans," he said, "nice big black fans with 'Christian Dior' printed on them in gold letters."

The fans not only circulated the air, but circulated the name of Dior in practically every other fashion house in town because they were such a success as souvenirs.

"I'll never forget the sight in the room," a woman fashion writer said. "There were hundreds of black fans bobbing up and down like butterflies and everyone was saying 'Christian Dior' 'Christian Dior'.... over and over."

POSITION CLEAR

DIOR was born in Normandy 43 years ago and he still likes to go back to the country.

Trained for the diplomatic service, Dior disappointed his parents by changing his mind and opening an art gallery in Paris in 1925. In 1931 he gave that up and went to Russia to study architecture.

By 1935 he was back in Paris. He found a job on a newspaper as a fashion illustrator. It wasn't long thereafter until he was designing hats.

During the war, Dior left Paris and worked as a day labourer on the railway. He came back to Paris in 1941 and went to work for Lucien Lelong. Here Dior came into prominence by creating hobbie skirts and rounded drapes.

In 1946 Dior's position in the fashion world was clear. All he needed was the money. It is reported that Marcel Boussac, the French turf king, supplied that.

Dior gave his first showing February 12, 1947, and the fashion world is still rocking from the blow. His success was stupendous.

HELD IN AWE

STARTING in a small establishment on the Avenue Montaigne, Christian Dior now occupies three buildings and is trying to get a fourth.

Despite the size of the staff, if you ordered a dress from Christian Dior today, you would have to wait six weeks for the first fitting.

The same pleasant atmosphere that goes into Dior's 19th century apartment in Paris prevails throughout his business. The furnishings, walls, stairways and all take you back 50 years. Dior ordered it made that way.

His employees speak of Dior in awe.

When asked if anyone ever sent suggestions for new dresses up to Dior, one of his young assistants looked startled and exclaimed: "Would you send a memorandum up to God?" Associated Press.

Degas Dancers' Bequest



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THE DEGAS ballet girls have left womankind in general practically everything the great painter invested them with, except, perhaps, their twinkle-toe talents. We have borrowed their skirts, waistline corsets, bodices, slippers, hairdos and

shortie gloves... and now we have put a lot of these items together to make very formal modern frocks. This department confesses that to her, the model shown above and titled Degas looks a good deal more indebted to the cancan than the ballet, but she refuses to worry. Also, since the print is of bananas on crepe, Chiquita Banana, and her danson, naturally, comes to mind, prompted additionally by the Spanish lace petticoat. At any rate, it's very feminine, and in step with the revival of afternoon dancing which is growing ever more popular.

"New Look"... but can I wear it?

BEFORE you choose your spring clothes, sit down and have a self-searching think.

By Caroline Fox

Consider:

1. Whether you have a naturally rounded bosom and hips, a truly slender waist, and the carriage of an Elizabethan grande dame.
2. Whether you have the manner of the aforesaid grand dame.
3. Whether you can wear a fringe without looking even faintly like a period piece.

If the answer is "Yes," go right ahead. You can't go wrong, even in pearl-buttoned boots. (And, frankly, it wouldn't matter if you did, anyway.)

But if the answer is "No," then think again, and carefully. It is alarmingly easy for the new clothes to look a mess.

Carefully chosen with an eye to their moderation and suitability for day-to-day living, they are charming.

The longer skirts are graceful, the fuller skirts are youthful, the gentle curve of hips and bosom is agreeably feminine after these militant, masculine years.

But wise women will eschew any suspicion of exaggeration.

A low neckline may be fetching—but it doesn't look right on Cats Street.

A white broderie anglaise petticoat is fresh and white only when it doesn't have to clamber on buses.

A boldly stiffened bustle is pretty, but comfortable only if you don't have to sit upon it.

Hip emphasis is fine, if it does not emphasise a 40-inch hip. Tight little, trim little bodices should only grace a trim little bosom.

And a too-long skirt merely collects mud splashes if you venture out in the rain!

Such accessories as shepherd's plaid booties and parasols are fun in Paris salons, but tend to look extremely odd on Hongkong pavements.

'Off' the new line

BUT there are many good variations on the new line which are practical, because they can be adapted as the line changes.

Suits whose skirt fullness is given by pleats—either flat pleats or unpressed pleats; whose jackets have only slight hip stiffening which can be removed later.

Fitted coats, with fullness coming from pleats or gathers at the back waist. Loose coats, with fullness from the back shoulder line.

Straight, sac jackets over long light skirts. Boleros. Simple frocks with full gathered skirts, and bodices fitted up to the throat.

Printed frocks, frocks-with-jackets, or suits with full pleated skirts, and pleated basques which can be taken off when necessary. Three-quarter length sleeves over light, tight, long sleeves which are also removable.

Favourite—and most wearable—colours are grey, with pink, with



black, yellow or white. Navy—with white or red.

Black and white, and black and pink. Yellows. A little green. Not much blue other than navy—and a pale blue for summer linens.

The suit Kendrick has illustrated symbolises the best of the moderated new line.... The shoulders are slightly curved, the jacket is rather short, with the hips emphasised only by clever placing of pockets, the skirt has all-round flat pleats.

There have been reports of people taking the new long clothes back to the shops to be shortened. I think this applies only to a few who bought extreme styles.

Footscript... news that padding can now be bought for almost any part of the anatomy recalls to mind the sad little story of the 18th-century beau who pinned a rose to his lady's bosom and, horrified, saw the bosom deflate before his very eyes!

Children 'about turn'

THE well-dressed children of today wear classically styled clothes, primarily reminiscent of the past. Fully party frocks on a narrow smocked yoke button down the back, preferably with tiny pearl buttons.

Peter Pan collar, puffed sleeves and a miniature dolly-bag pocket holding a clean handkerchief, long white socks and shiny patent leather shoes identify the party girl under 10.

Main outlet for creative design in juvenile clothes is through colour, fabric and careful use of detail.

Left, one of the prettiest and cheapest dresses seen for some time is this utility "Judy" dress. The fabric is halcyon banded with Tyrolean figures, the pattern used to add interest to the bodice.

Right, is a smart four-piece for girls from 7 to 13 years old. Here, again, colour and material are effective; palest silver-blue barthea serge lined in cherry wine crepe to match the blouse. The jacket is collarless, the skirt on braces and pleated all round. The coat is a classic, seamed down the centre back, with semi-dolman sleeves.

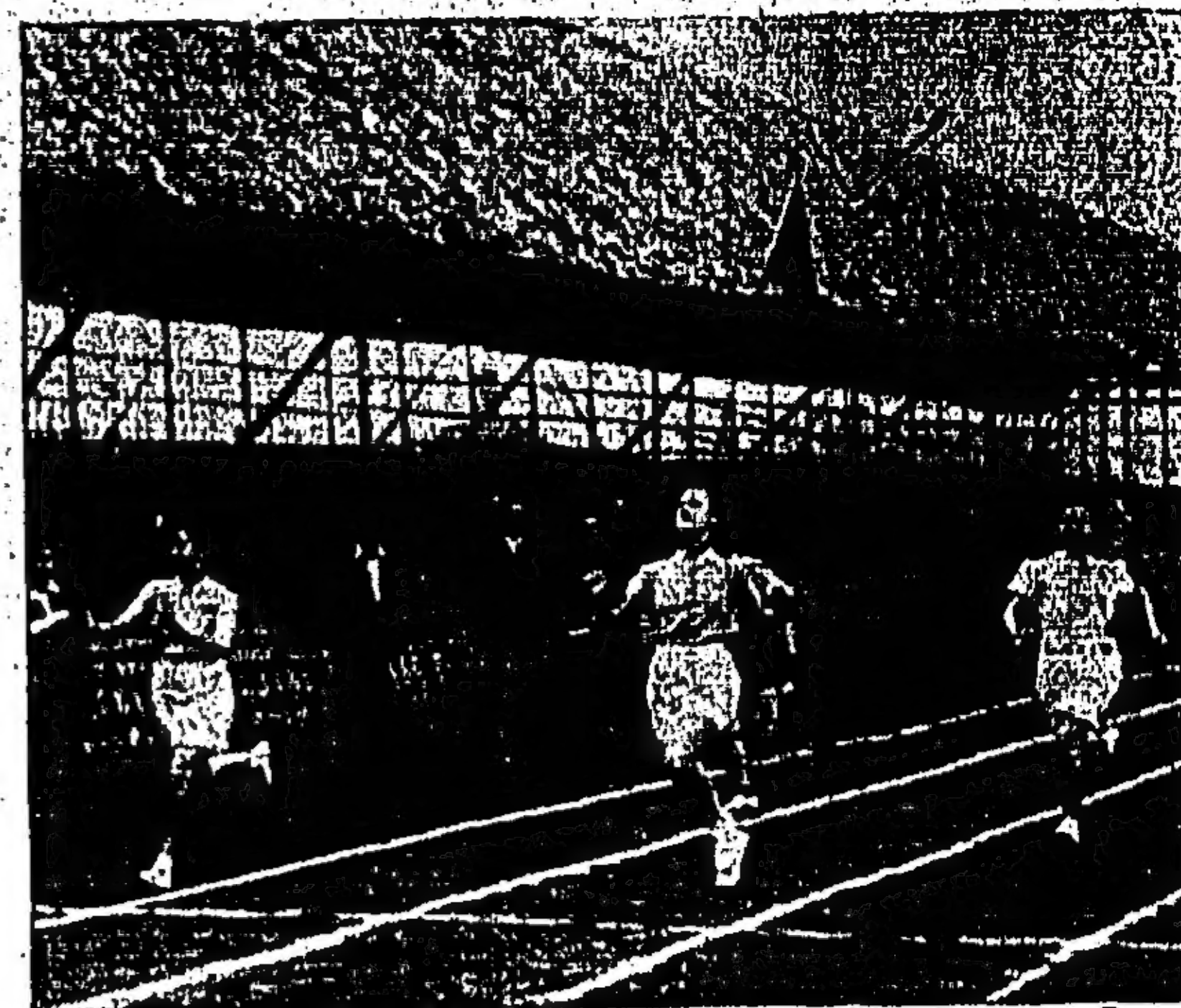
WEEK'S SOCIAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES



MR A. C. Burn and Miss Carol Robinson, who were married last Saturday, photographed at Kai Tak beside the amphibian plane which took them to Macao for their honeymoon. (Photo Cecil Leo)



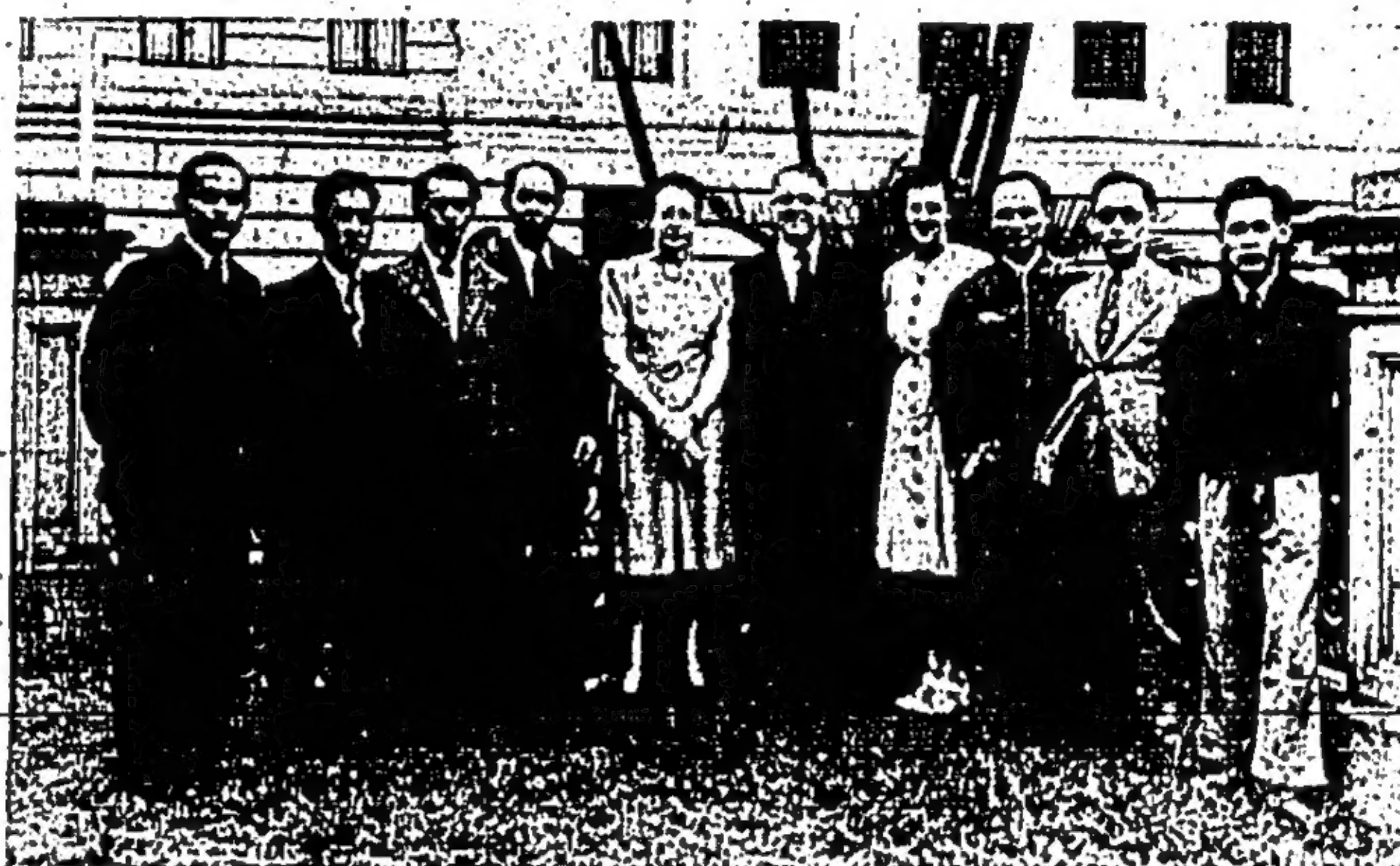
LEFT—Mr Wong Shick-man and Miss Cheng Po-lin, who were married at the Registry last week. (Photo: King's Studio). ABOVE: Sub-Inspector Ernest Sydney Jones, of the Hongkong Police, and his bride, formerly Miss Irene Teresa Stevens. They were married last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



TWO events at the Hongkong University annual sports, held on Monday, are pictured above. Top: the finish of the women undergraduates' 50 yards sprint, won by Miss C. Braga, on the left. Picture immediately above shows S. F. Lam of Ricci Hall winning the 100 yards dash. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



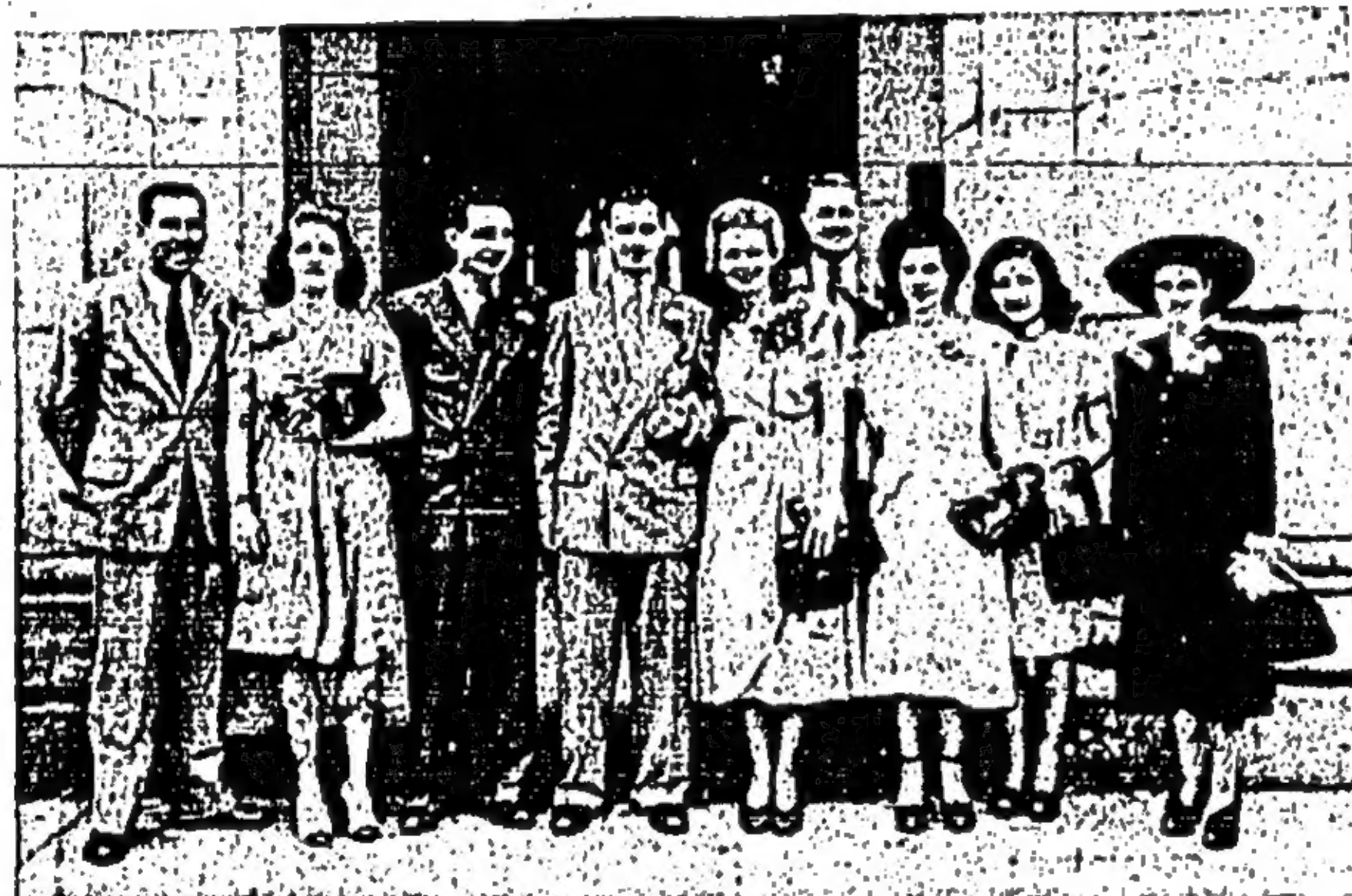
SERGEANTS of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, now stationed in Hongkong, photographed with their retiring Commanding Officer, Lt-Col. J. R. Filmer-Bennett, fifth from left seated. (Photo: King's Studio)



WING COMMANDER A. H. Marsack, MBE, (fifth from right), who recently resigned as Hongkong Government Public Relations Officer, photographed with his staff before his departure last week. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)

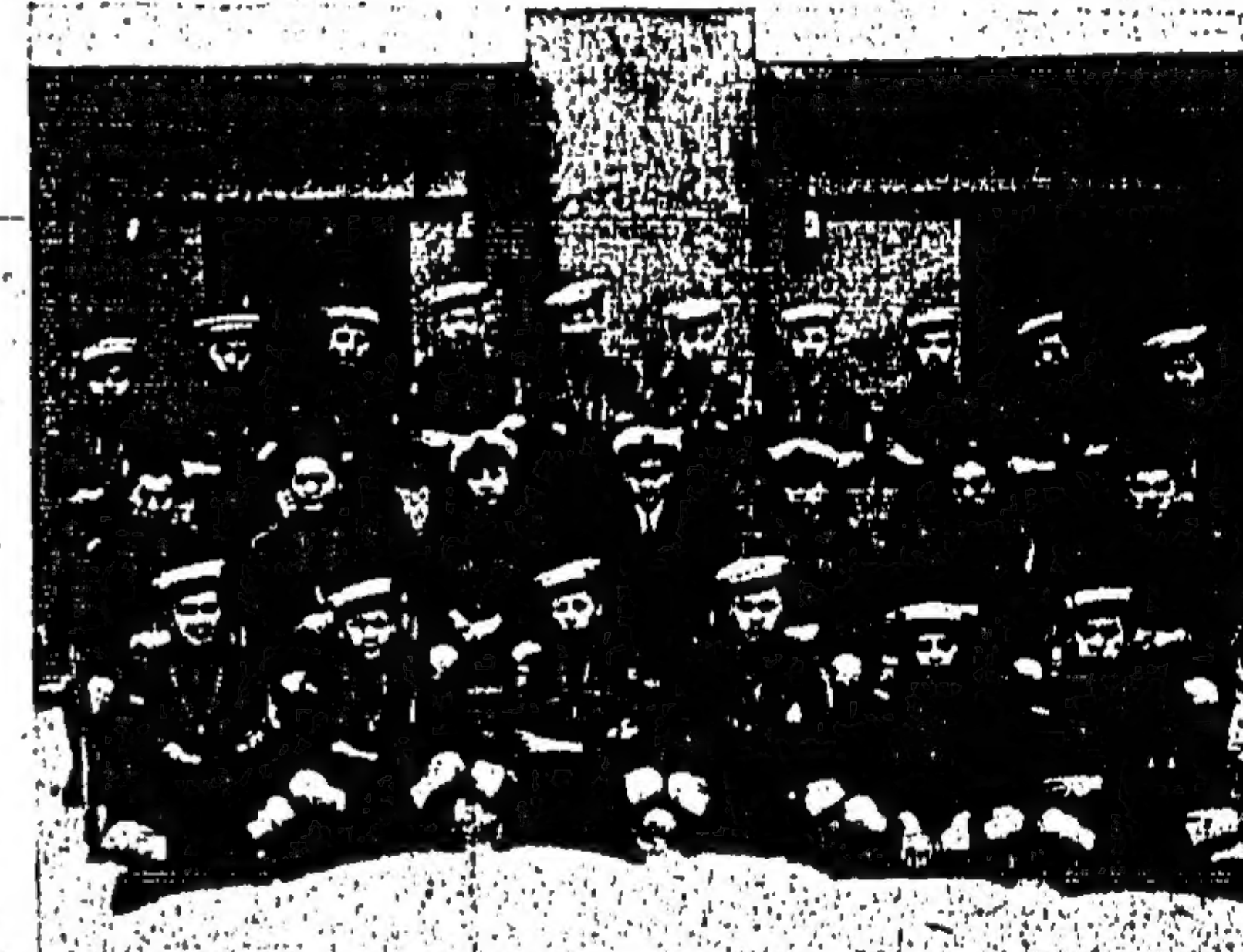


LYNEVE TRUANT, Mrs. J. Johnston's wire-haired fox terrier, won the Best Fox Terrier, Best Terrier, British National and Best Dog in Show prizes at the Kennel Club Show last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



GROUP taken outside the Registry after the wedding recently of Mr L. Blumenthal and Mrs M. W. Graf. (Photo: King's Studio)

RIGHT—Annual group photograph of the 1st Hongkong Troop of Sea Scouts, taken at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



TWO other couples who were married last week. Above: Mr Leslie Chadwick-Kow and Miss Marjorie Florence Main. Left: Mr Lo Ching-kan and Miss Hesta Hon. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Sun Ying Ming)



RONALD KEITH, infant son of Mr and Mrs F. T. Winterton, was christened at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE Central British School track and field team who won the Governor's Shield at the recent annual inter-schools sports. (Photo: Golden Studio)

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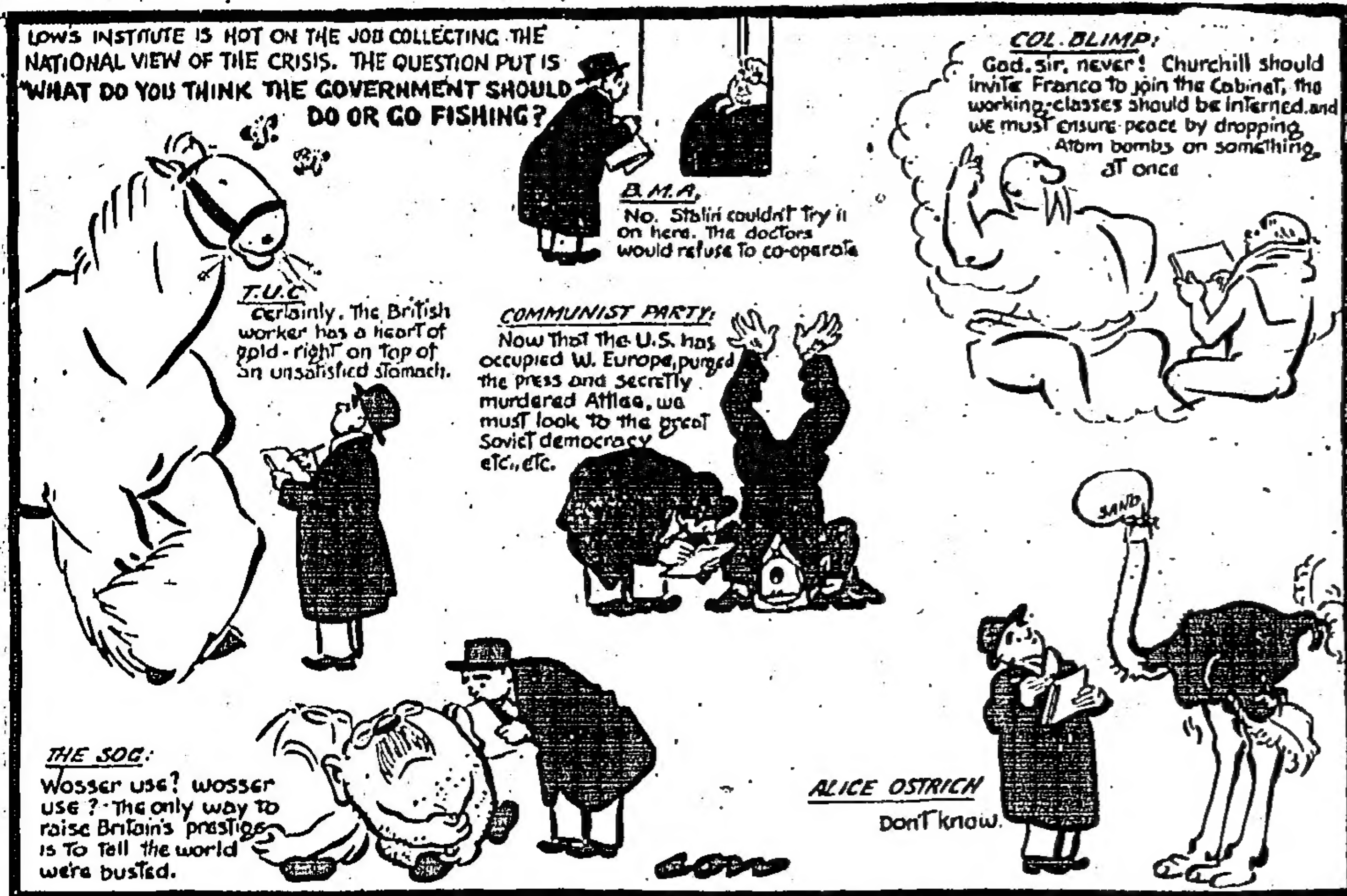
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THE DRUG TO CURE JEALOUS HUSBANDS

By Sidney Rodin

JEALOUS husbands can now be cured in London's Harley Street. It costs them from 10 guineas to 100 guineas, depending on how stubborn is their distrust of their wives. This is the latest use psychiatrists have found for the "truth drug"—pentothal, sodium evipan or sodium amytal—which, the other week, at a Newcastle hospital restored the lost memory of Mr Dennis Bennett, a 22-year-old ex-sailor.

A husband who suspected his wife of an intrigue asked her to undergo a test by the drug when she protested her innocence. She consented.

A shorthand writer took down her answers in the presence of the husband. She revealed her innermost secrets under the influence of the drug injected into a vein in her arm.

After several treatments the husband was at last convinced of her fidelity.

Another recent case satisfactorily settled was that of a man who disputed the paternity of his child.

Three partners of a famous arts antique firm flew to London to consult a psychiatrist because of a series of thefts.

The junior partner was suspected of being implicated because he had been unable to give a satisfactory account of his movements.

Under the "truth drug" he revealed that the unexplained part of his story concerned a woman whose friendship he had wished to conceal.

His statement proved to the satisfaction of the other two men that he could share no blame for the missing antiques. Pentothal, evipan and other barbituric drugs were first used as anaesthetics.

WOMAN'S DISCLOSURE

BECAUSE he noted that patients talked unguardedly while being injected, Dr Ellis Stungo, a London psychiatrist, in 1934, evolved a technique for putting patients into a hypnotic state by giving them less powerful doses.

He used the drug when persons, through shame, fear, or forgetfulness, withheld important facts about themselves which could give a clue to their psychological troubles.

A young woman, for instance, who devoted her life to looking after her aged parents found she suffered from depression and sleeplessness.

Under carefully controlled injections of the drug she disclosed that, deep in her sub-conscious mind, she hated what she was doing, and would have liked to murder her parents because they denied her the chance of getting married.

The sub-conscious guilt of being a potential murderer was the cause of her emotional upset.

The truth drug was used extensively in battle-shocked soldiers. In Burma, a soldier was found running lost in the jungle. He was gibbering and could give no account of himself.

Under injections of pentothal, he said he had been in a foxhole when a Jap, bristling with weapons, suddenly loomed above him.

HIS GUN JAMMED

HIS own Tommy gun jammed as the Jap got ready to hurl a grenade.

The ordeal had been so intolerable to his conscious mind that nature's automatic black-out had deprived him of his senses. He was cured and back fighting in a few weeks.

The truth drug is now available at all hospitals in Britain to treat such cases, but the Home Office has refused psychiatrists permission to try the drug on suspected criminals to aid in eliciting a confession.

Most medical men agree that what a person says under the drug may not always be the truth. It may be only what he imagines the truth to be.

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WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT HYPNOTISM?

by Dr. S. J. Van Pelt

WHAT has the ancient science of hypnotism to offer the modern world? The subject is being widely discussed following the birth of a baby under hypnosis recently.

Few people realise that in hypnotism we have the key to the mind of man, and the answer to the great problem—neurosis.

Thirty out of every hundred people suffer from some form of nervous complaint, be it only simple insomnia, nervous headaches, or worry.

Approximately half the hospital beds are occupied by psychiatric cases, and one specialist estimates that at least 50 percent of any doctor's practice is the result of "nerves."

Modern psychiatry finds itself unable to cope with the situation. Tedious processes such as psycho-analysis often take weeks, months, or years.

Fortunately, hypnotism can give results in an hour that might take three hundred hours of psycho-analysis.

Hand paralysed

CONSIDER the case of "John." This young man, beginning a career in the Navy, found to his horror one day that his right hand had suddenly become paralysed.

Ordinary treatment could do nothing, and he was about to be invalided from the Service when he agreed to try hypnosis.

He was easily hypnotised in a few minutes, and told that his hand was perfectly normal, and would always remain so.

On awakening, he found that his hand was indeed quite nor-

mal again. Nine years later he is still perfectly well.

Apparently a miracle? Of course not; just a very typical case of hysterical paralysis, so often met in practice.

The condition closely mimics real disease, so that we may get blindness, deafness, loss of voice, stammer, paralysis, tremors, fits, and even loss of memory.

Hysteria is definitely not shamming. The patient may go on suffering for years unless the condition is recognised and properly treated.

Many so-called cases of rheumatism, fibrositis, sciatica, etc., are hysterical in origin. Hypnotism provides a cure in these. Why, then, is it not used more frequently?

The answer is that most doctors know little about it. Those who do hesitate because they know the public regard it, quite wrongly, with suspicion.

Forced to resign

ANY doctor using hypnotism must run the risk of committing professional suicide.

The history of hypnotism is one long story of struggles against ignorance.

In 1778, all Paris flocked to Mesmer, a Viennese doctor, when he astounded that city with his miraculous cures.

The Royal Society of Medicine, however, refused even to investigate his claims.

In England, "Doctor Elliotson, professor at London University College Hospital, who introduced the stethoscope to Britain, was forced to resign because he dared to cure people by the same unorthodox means as Mesmer.

Hypnotism is merely getting into direct contact with the sub-conscious mind.

The conscious mind, with its ideas and impressions, is temporarily put at rest and the sub-conscious is open to accept and carry out suggestions made by the hypnotist within limits. Everybody is open to suggestion. A mere word or phrase can make a waking person happy, sad, angry, or ashamed.

Yawning is notoriously infectious, and if one person faints in a crowd, many others will follow.

Suggestions, powerful in the waking state when diluted with hundreds of other ideas, become infinitely more powerful when concentrated into a mind swept clear of all distraction.

All the patient has to do is to relax, and concentrate his attention on one idea, while the doctor makes suggestions of sleep.

Ideal condition

YES, it is as simple as that, yet 95 percent of ordinary people can be taken into the dreamy, suggestive state, resembling sleep, which constitutes the first stage of hypnosis.

This is the ideal condition for healing purposes. The presence of the hypnotist is not even necessary; many have been hypnotised over the radio, or even by a gramophone record.

How about cures? Most people, for instance, can suggest to themselves that they will wake up at a certain time, and do so.

Similarly, the hypnotist can suggest that the patient will wake up completely free from symptoms, and he will.

Naturally, the first is easier to do than the second, but the principle is the same.

People who can act as their own alarm clock are always the most strong-minded, which illustrates the next point.

Contrary to popular opinion, weak-willed people do not make the best subjects, although hypnotism can be used to strengthen will-power.

In this way, bad habits, such as drug-taking, excessive drinking and smoking can be easily overcome.

Let "Joan" illustrate this point for you, a girl who suffered from anxiety neurosis, or "worry sickness."

Normally intelligent, although rather highly strung, she came close to a complete nervous breakdown as a result of strain during the war, and worry over a private affair.

Severe headaches, insomnia, palpitations, and nervous tremors caused her much distress.

She could not concentrate and nearly lost her position. Taking many sleeping tablets had become a regular habit, and she could not give them up.

Changed outlook

AFTER several sessions of hypnosis her outlook on life was changed; she was able to give up drugs entirely, and to sleep naturally. Headaches and other symptoms disappeared. Today she is a normal healthy girl.

The one essential for medical hypnosis is that the patient should be willing.

Although hypnotised, the patient is not really asleep, but can hear the doctor speaking and understand what he is doing and saying.

To a certain extent, all helpful suggestions will be carried out, for instance, if absence of pain is suggested, then even teeth can be extracted quite painlessly.

In the same way childbirth can be made painless, and even major operations have sometimes been carried out under hypnosis.

However, a patient cannot be made to do anything under hypnosis which is against his own interests and moral principles—he cannot be made to commit a crime, or give away secrets.

If asked a question he does not wish to answer, the patient will either remain silent, or "wake up."

We saw this in the case of "George," who, after unfortunate war experiences, developed an obsessional neurosis, with an irresistible urge to wash his hands at least 30 or 40 times a day.

Under hypnosis, he answered simple questions readily enough, but remained trembling and silent when asked more personal details.

He was therefore assured that he could be cured without disclosing his particular secret, and was informed that whatever was troubling him would do so no longer.

It took only four sessions of a few minutes each to cure him completely.

Obsessional neuroses include all sorts of queer cases, including those of people haunted by ever-recurring foolish thoughts.

Cases of kleptomania, or "stealing madness," come under this heading.

Ordinary psychiatric treatment is difficult and unsatisfactory in these cases, but hypnosis cures.

Unjustified fear

MANY fear that, once hypnotised, they will always be "in the power of the hypnotist." This is not true.

Certainly, if hypnosis is repeated again and again, it becomes easier and easier each time.

Sometimes there is a fear of not waking up, but this is quite unjustified.

Even if the hypnotist died, the patient would wake up quite naturally. Hypnotism is completely safe in proper hands.

Hypnotism is not a "cure-all"; an aching tooth requires a dentist, not a hypnotist; a headache may be simple, or the symptom of a brain tumour.

Once the tremendous possibilities of hypnosis are realised, together with its complete safety and simplicity, then surely public opinion will demand that doctors should make full use of it.

She's German—hand-picked

PORTRAIT OF A GIRL JUST ARRIVED IN LONDON... by John Doane Potter

SHE is blonde, 24-year-old Gundel Harnack, German history student from Hamburg University.

SHE is a hand-picked, good German, who has just arrived in Britain for six weeks to study English democracy. Her father was a wealthy Pomeranian farmer. Now his farm is Polish, and he is living in retirement in the mountains near the Russian zone.

SHE was ten when Hitler came to power. "You must remember that when you read her reactions to Britain. To her London is like a fairyland, but after 15 years of dictatorship, Gestapo and war, she has outgrown fairy tales. So she does not like London much."

SHE thinks our traffic is untidy. It offends her neat German mind. "There used to be left-hand traffic in Austria and Czechoslovakia," she said significantly. "We altered all that."

SHE is disappointed in most of our public buildings because "they are not grandiose enough." The dingy red bricks of St James's Palace have no message for her. She prefers the oblong majesty of Buckingham Palace.

SHE was standing in a bus queue waiting for a Green Line coach to Beaconsfield, Bucks, where she attends lectures on the British way of life with 15 other German girls. Opposite was the B.D.C., which I pointed out to her. "But," she said, surprised, "I cannot believe it. We bombed that, didn't we? I thought it was destroyed."

SHE is serious, hardworking. Normally she gets up at 8.30 in her barely furnished, unheated room in Hamburg, and works until midnight on one meal of soup and red cabbage.

SHE thinks our public houses, however quaint and traditional, are another waste of time. "All these people, just talking and drinking," she said. "It is terrible, terrible. In Germany they would be working."



FRAULEIN HARNACK
London disappoints her.

And all this talk of cricket and football, just like children.

SHE is puzzled because there is no black market in London, although she hopes to visit Petticoat-lane, because worry reached her in Germany that that was the centre of it.

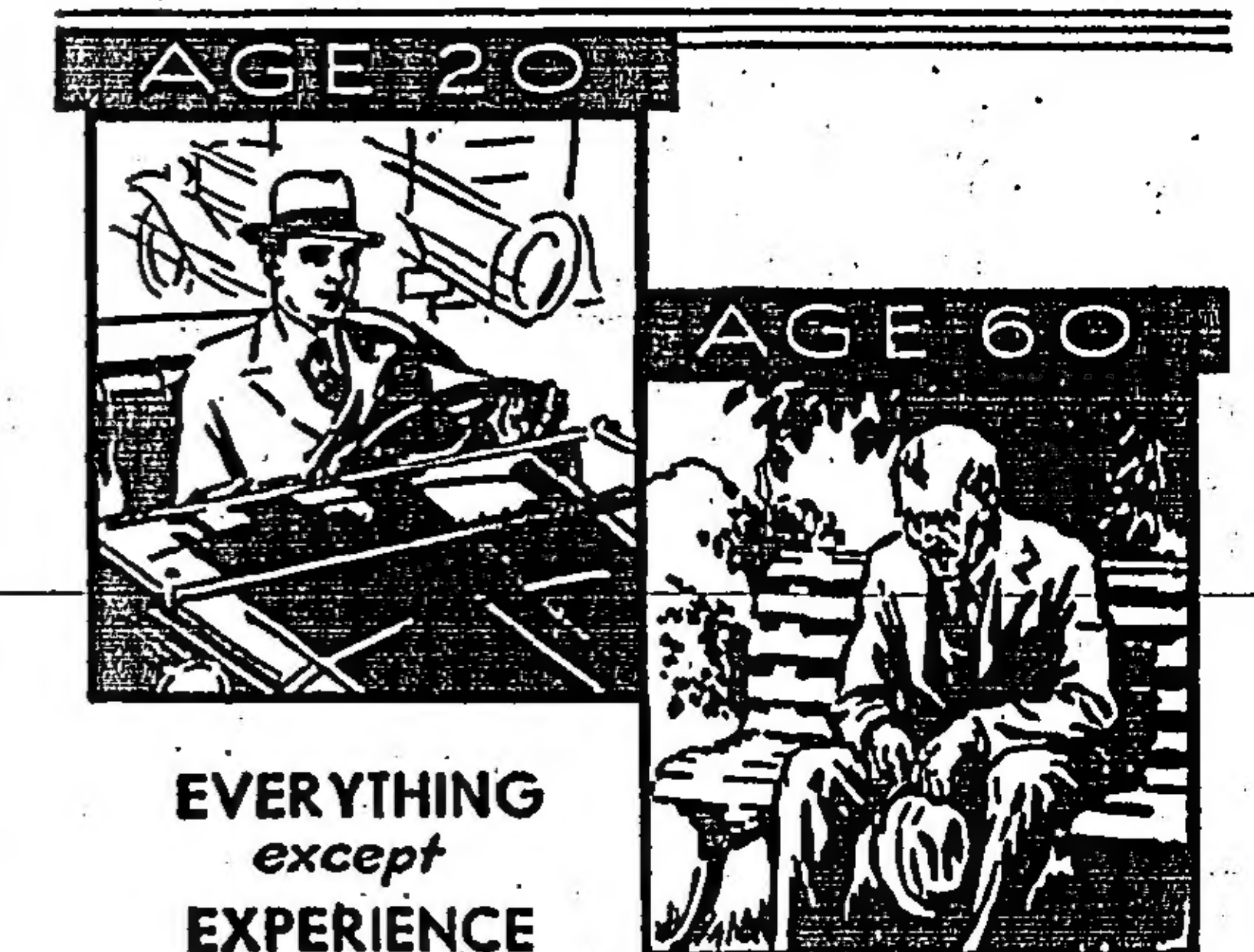
SHE cannot understand why Germans do not get more food. "We are starving and no one seems to care," she said bitterly.

SHE noticed the plaques in the Mall with the names of British Colonies and Dominions on them. "The places you own," she said. "But not for long, I think."

SHE cannot understand why we do not hate the Russians "now that Hitler is not there to guard us against them."

SHE is a hand-picked German, an intelligent girl. She is too polite to say so, but she is obviously puzzled that the German were beaten by a nation of child-like-minded loafers.

There are millions of girls like Gundel in Germany today. The views will one day decide the future of their country. I wonder what the bad ones are like.



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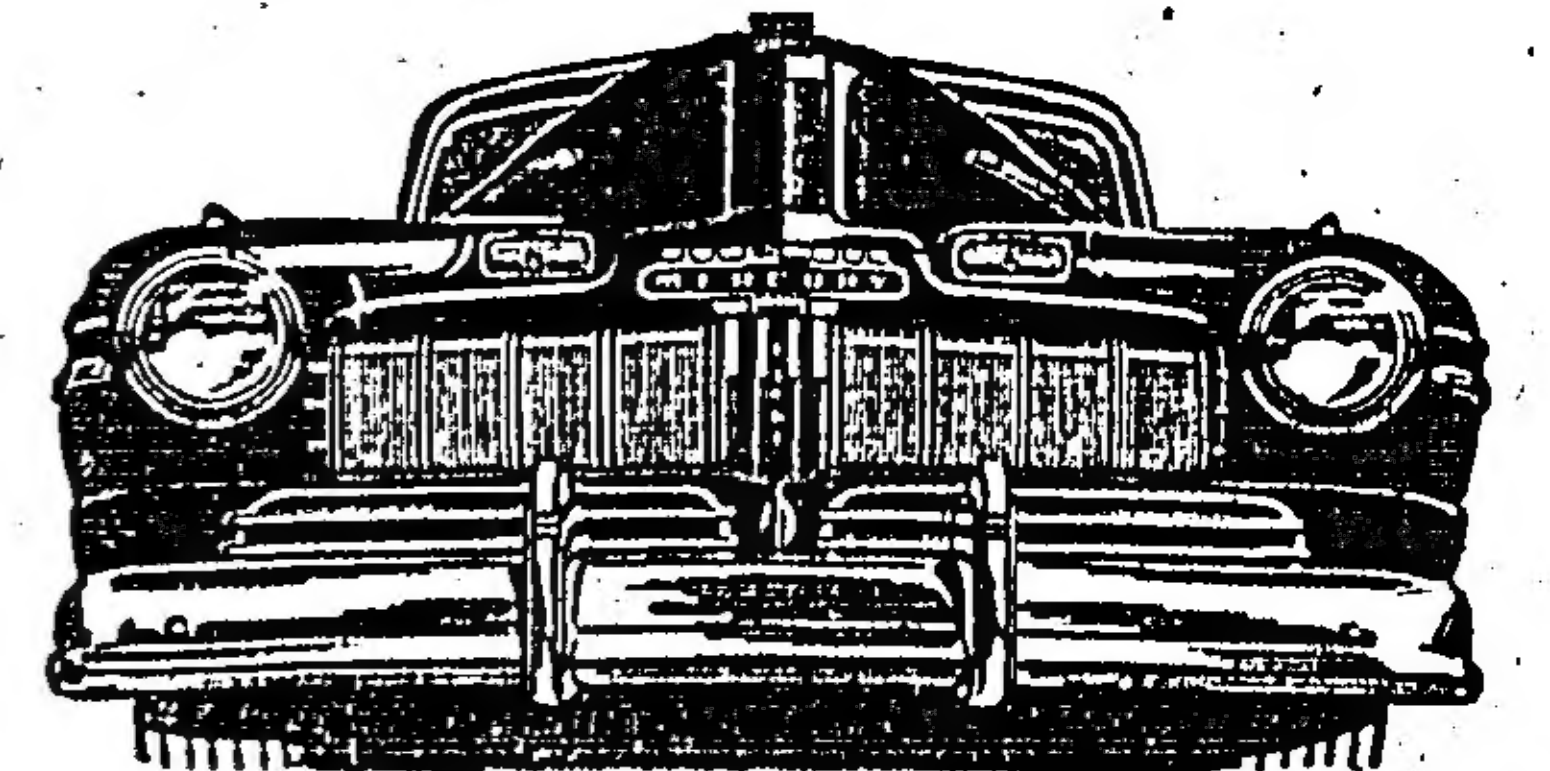
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Lisbon Votes On New Look

Serious discussion on the New Look in Lisbon was followed by voting that short skirts will win over long-ones. The discussion took place at the National Society of Arts.

Dr Luis de Oliveira Guimaraes spoke on the evolution of the skirt, illustrated by well-known caricaturists, placing himself on the side of the short skirt. A mannequin show followed. Then the voting.—Associated Press.

Changi Airport Improvements

Work on the modernisation of Singapore's Changi airport will begin within the next three months. This was decided at a meeting in Singapore of high officials concerned, reports Associated Press.

The cost of modernisation is estimated at US\$10,000,000, to be borne by the British Government, Singapore, and the Federation of Malaya. The airport was built by POW labour under the Japanese.—Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"International relations couldn't be worse! Now sense! Just you wait till the Olympic Games get started."

SPORTS FEATURES

Football Notes

By "SEE TEE"

H.K. Visiting Macao And Saigon For Interports

With two Hongkong teams absent from the Colony this weekend there is a much reduced local soccer programme. There are no league games tomorrow and today's programme includes teams somewhat weakened by players engaged in the representative matches at Macao and Saigon.

The end of the season is not now far away. With the defeat of Sing Tao by South China on Tuesday the race for the championship is thrown wide open again. Only South China of the possible champions are engaged today.

Hongkong teams will be in action in Saigon and Macao during this weekend. Although there were one or two doubtful starters it is expected that Hongkong will be represented by the following eleven in the Saigon match. The players and officials were due to leave Kai Tak early this morning.

Leck (Club), B. Gosano (St Joseph's), Tsang Chung-wan (Kilchee), Craighead (Army), Brown (Navy), Parvin (Navy), Xavier (St Joseph's), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Fowler (Club), Kiernan (Army) and Bates (Army).

Hongkong's team for tomorrow's match at Macao is expected to be: Chan Wing (Police), Yiu Yau-sang (South China), Lau Wai (Police), Gordon (Police), Hung Yink-yak (Chinese Athletic), Colloco (Police), Tang Kwong-sun (Kilchee), Chau Man-chi (KMB), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Howlett (Police) and Omar (St Joseph's).

LIVELY GAME PROMISED

Today's meeting of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy on the Causeway Bay ground should produce the lively football for which these Inter-Service matches is usually noteworthy. The Airmen won the last game but it is doubtful whether they will be at full strength today. Sewell is unlikely to play, a damaged ankle was still troubling him in midweek, while Anderson is another possible non-starter. A notable absentee from the sailors' eleven will be Brown, their stalwart centre half, who is said to be bound today.

A most interesting second division fixture takes place at Happy Valley this afternoon. Eastern, potential junior champions, meet the lively St Joseph's second string. St Joseph's nearly beat the Navy recently, and did beat the new junior shield holders, South China, a fortnight ago. One of the main topics of discussion in local football circles just now is the failure of the Sing Tao attack in their matches with Eastern and South China (these notes were written before Sing Tao's match with the Navy on Thursday). When I saw that Eastern were taking the field for last Sunday's Shield Final without "Tao" Kam-hung, their star left back, I was quite convinced that Eastern would have a heavy afternoon.

FORM FLOUTED

Once again, however, football form has been flouted. Eastern after foolishly conceding a penalty kick in the first minute, generally were more than equal to any snail which Sing Tao could make upon them. Had the ball run a little kindly for Eastern quite another name might now be inscribed on the senior shield.

Nevertheless, for the second season in succession Sing Tao have won the Senior Shield. In the first two rounds they scored convincing victories over St Joseph's (2-1) and the Police (5-1). In their semi-final victory over Kowloon Motor Buses there were signs of jittery, over-anxiety, so much so that the game was not won until the last quarter of an hour. Maybe many Sing Tao players are becoming thoroughly stale. Some have had little respite from football since the beginning of last season, in September 1946. There is a lot to be said for a complete detachment from the game for two or three months.

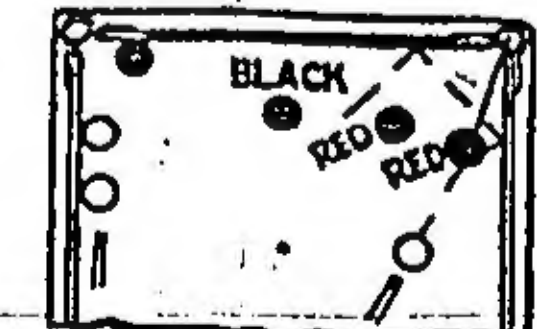
END OF SEASON GAMES

Officially the local soccer season for 1947-48 ends on April 18. By that date the league championships should be decided and the final rounds of the International Charity Cup and the Memorial Cup competitions played off. These two competitions are expected to provide some exciting football. The final of the International Charity Cup competition are China and Portugal. China, of course, can be sure of fielding a very strong eleven; Portugal's success, on the other hand, may depend upon the availability of St Joseph's Macao players.

The challenge to the Army's title of holders of the Memorial Cup is again from the Chinese. There have

Arthur Peall says:

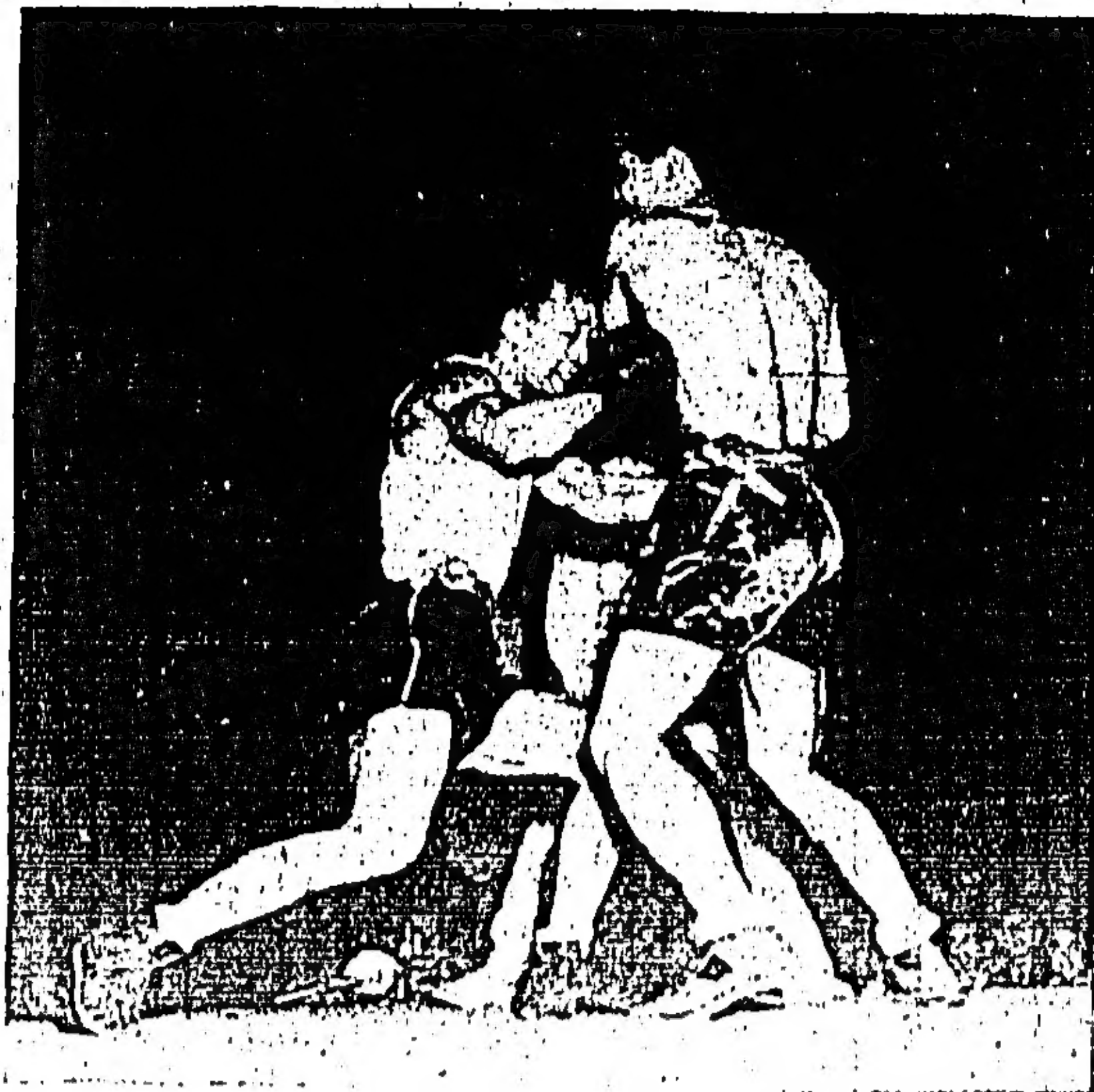
BREAKING is the idea when you play the snooker sequence shown on right of diagram. Any beginner could pocket the first red regardless of position, but to pocket it and run the white for position is the real test.



taking this black, pocket the remaining red with another black to follow—good snooker.

Faced by the billiard leave on left of diagram, a player could pocket a red, score a few points off red, and let a double ball. I am not finding fault with this, although I am sure that a player who does this is not a player.

Don't rub the tip of your cue hard on hard paper; a flick to roughen the surface is all that is needed.



Hongkong and Canton boxers met in a contest last Sunday at Caroline Hill, Hongkong emerging the winners. Here is an action study taken during the lightweight fight between Sky Lee and David Hsu.—Golden Studio.

Softball Chater

By "Spectator"

Portugal V. Britain A Battle Royal

THE HOLIDAY FIXTURES

It was a battle royal last week between Portugal and Great Britain in the semi-finals of the International Series. Both attacked and defended tenaciously for 11 scoreless innings until the 12th, when the Portuguese scored the only and winning tally to emerge triumphant.

Stan Leonard's strong mauling squad under Britain's colours was out—nine to two. No less than seven batters were felled off them but fielding stood in good stead except for that vital occasion when a slip caused them the game.

Youth versus Oldsters can describe the fight between the two factions, Britain represented in majority by veterans (though little "getting old") and Portugal can be said to be packed with dashing ball-playing youths.

The break went against Britain through a normally easy play. Veteran Dave Leonard was combined with another, before to bring off that play—which ended the game on the wrong side—for him. It was the last of the twelfth frame.

None away, bullet-pegging Dickie Alves came through again after some top-flight batting, with a neat bludge. Dickie stole second—the Rees went in for a lot of robbing and got away with it and contributed to the "bad" work for the Brits. He was pushed forward to third as a result of a good bunk by Billy Soares. Pitcher Jack Brown played third but Dickie was safe by miles. Quickly-witted Billy Soares did a bit of trotting to second—he was kicking his time. He showed he knew how to run bases.

LEONARD'S BOLD STRATEGY

Third sacker Dave Leonard was not deceived by Billy's move. He is the kind who knows and he knew that the man on third might mean the vital run, which indeed it turned out to be, although it was not the way he thought it would come.

Man on third, Soares was doing a bit of "fancy dancing" between first and second. Dave received the ball from Jack as Dickie reached the hot corner safely. Dave initiated the play he had done before and succeeded not rarely. He sent the ball over to second baseman George White, feinting he was to get the runner between first and second. It was a critical moment to have adopted such a bold strategy, and as it happened, George and Dickie Alves at third was quick to take advantage and shot home.

Was Dave wrong in trying to trap Dickie? It would appear any astute player would have done the same as he did—others may not know what it was all about, of course. After all, there was none away, men would have been on second and third and the Portuguese ends were hanging the apple regularly. Any average long hit would have scored Alves anyway. There would have been

Bradman Blinks Less, Scores More

The secret of century-hitting batsmen such as Hammond or Bradman is not how they hold the bat, or even how they place their feet—but how often they blink, and how long they take to do it.

Dr Robert W. Lawson, a Sheffield University professor, makes this claim in a technical report issued today.

He argues: Most men blink 20 times a minute, each blink lasting one-third of a second. So the average man's sight is completely blacked out for more than 10 percent of the time he is using his eyes.

A few men blink only five times a minute. Their black-out period is therefore much shorter. These are the people—like Bradman and Hammond—who have a good eye for ball games.

BLACK-OUT PERIODS

"The black-out periods are of great importance in cricket, for if they are high the batsman or wicket-keeper may lose sight of the ball, the fielder may miss a catch, and the umpire may give a wrong decision," writes Dr Lawson in the scientific journal, Nature.

"In fast games like tennis, the ball will certainly be lost to sight during the blinking black-out. For people with a high rate of blinking, bowls is more suitable," he advises.

According to Dr Lawson's figures, women should be better than most men at hitting a moving ball because they blink less. Some rapid blinkers are blacked-out 40 percent of the time. These are the people who can never get beyond a certain standard at tennis or cricket, however much they practise. They also make the most dangerous drivers.

MAKE BAD SCIENTISTS

Rapid blinkers also make bad scientists, he says. They cannot take accurate measurements of moving objects. Dr Lawson recommends that jet-plane pilots should have their blinking-periods tested.

BRIGHT SPOT: Dr Lawson has now forgiven some of his students whom he accused of carelessness. They turn out to be rapid blinkers.

LONDON OFFER TO LESNEVICH

Open Air Mills Fight On Eve Of Olympics

(BY GEORGE WHITING)

Boxing promoter Jack Solomons has made Gus Lesnevich, world cruiser-weight champion, a "terrific offer" to defend his title against Britain's Freddie Mills in an open-air fight in London next July—immediately before the Olympic Games.

I learned of the offer in a telephone talk with Lesnevich's manager, Joe Vella, in New Jersey. Ben Schmidt, rival London promoter, watched Lesnevich knock out Billy Fox in New York.

In his pocket will be a bid for Lesnevich v. Mills at Olympia—also in July.

"Solomons has been burning up the telephone wires," Vella told me, "and he is talking terrific money."

"We have signed nothing yet, but it is almost certain we shall be in England this summer. Gus and I promised to come back—and we keep our promises."

'VERY BIG OFFER'

"Before I decide anything definite, however, I want a week or so to talk things over with Gus."

I asked Joe whether Lesnevich would prefer to fight Mills indoors or in the open air. The answer came pat: "Open air, where everybody can see it."

Solomons confirmed for me that he had made Lesnevich a "very big offer" for a return with Mills—but



says the figure was agreed when Vella was here last year.

"I have now confirmed the figure without increase or decrease," said Solomons.

BIGGEST EVER

"I am 99 percent hopeful of getting the match. I have an option on three big open-air stadiums in London, and you may quote me as saying that the gate will be the biggest for a fight ever known in this country."

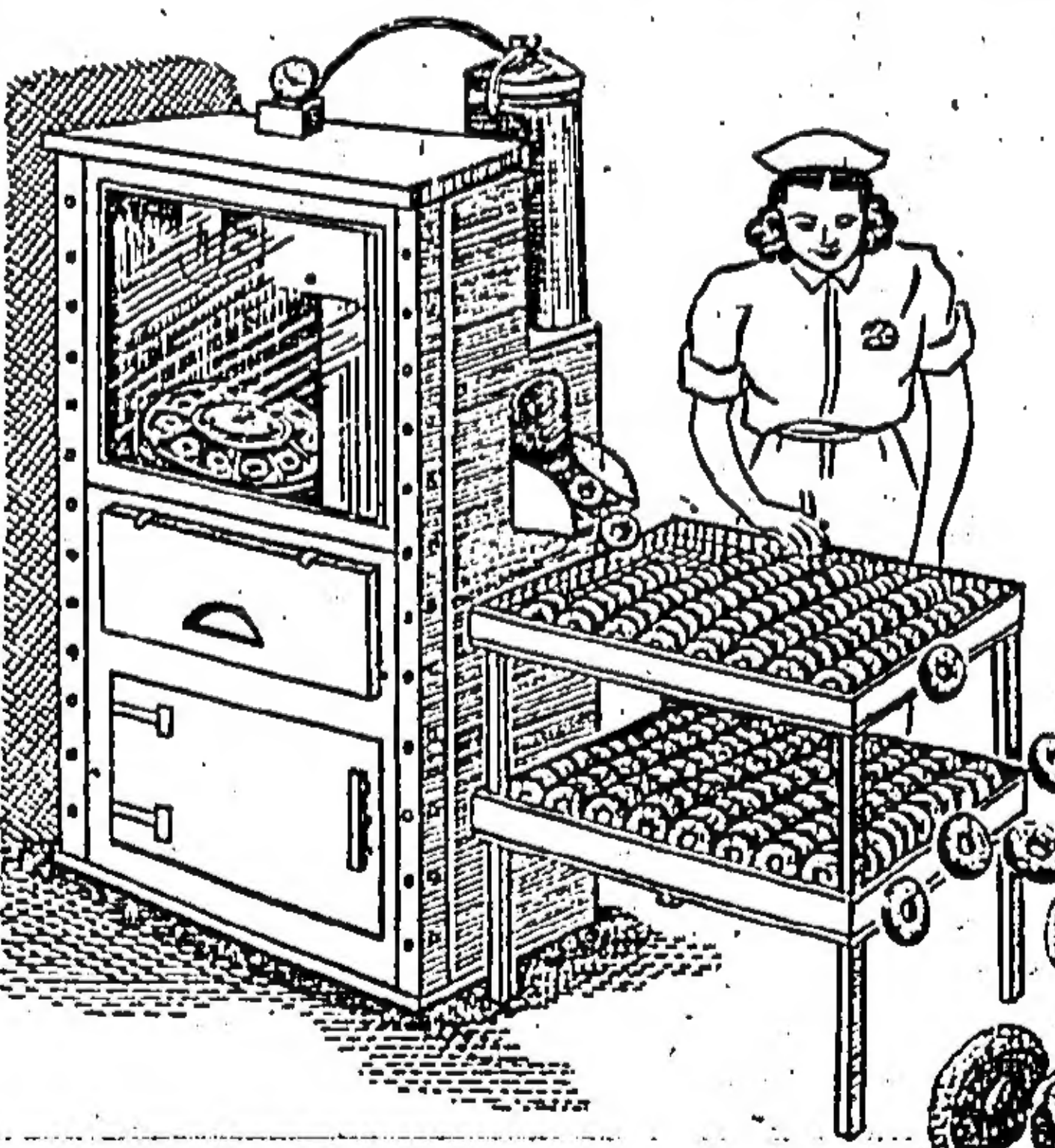
Mills? Freddie's manager, Ted Broadbribb, agrees with Joe Vella that as many people as possible should be able to see our champion get a second crack at Lesnevich.

"I'd like to see the light go on at Wembley Stadium," Broadbribb told me. "It would be a grand send-off for the Olympic Games." Meanwhile, big Gus and little Joe, buddies since their pre-army days, sit back, count the dollars, and await the biggest bid for more dollars.

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A DOUBT ARISES

At the time of going to press, some doubt is attached to the date when the other International semi-final is to be held. The Management has arranged it for tomorrow, though.

The doubt arises from an attempt by India to get a postponement in their game against China. Manager M. Moosdeen has approached China's boss, C. B. Wong, for a change of date, giving the reason that two of his leading lights and bright stars of the current most powerful League team, St Joseph's, A. J. (Jindoo) Hussain and B. M. (Benny) Omar, are going to leave here for Interport soccer and therefore, cannot play on the date fixed.

Fixtures for the week-end and Monday are:

TODAY

Men's "B" Division

CBA ground—10 a.m. Rexes v. Braves, 11.15 a.m. Blue Beetles v. United Nations.

Recreio football ground—10 a.m. Daredevils v. Wildfires, 11.15 a.m. Jaguars v. Cosmos.

TOMORROW

Men's "A" Division

Recreio football ground—11.15 a.m. Filipinos v. Police.

Women's Division

CBA ground—11.15 a.m. Canadians v. Bees.

MONDAY

Men's "B" Division

CBA ground—10 a.m. United Nations v. Braves, 11.15 a.m. Rangers v. Wildfires.

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